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Do you stand out in the crowd? Be a pepper and become part of the democratic process – run for office in the George Brown College Student Association General Election.

Student Association to hold elections

by Allan Stokell

With the nominations for student elections closing on February 23rd at noon, candidates are hurrying to pick up their nomination packages from the Student Association, fill them out and get at least ten other students to sign off with their support.

Elections are being held this year on March 13-16 inclusive, with an advanced polling day of February 25th for students working off campus during the regular election dates.

Jessica Chabot, the newly appointed Chief Returning Officer, says to

get elected you only have to follow seven easy steps. They include picking up the nomination package, completing the form with 10 signatures, returning it by February 23, attending the all candidates meeting, preparing your campaign materials, and participate that all important campaigning period.

Positions candidates can run for in this election include President of the Student Association (SA), Campus Vice Presidents, Education Vice President, and Board of Directors members.

The President is the

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The Vice President Education helps the SA with educational issues and takes the Presidents place when the President is Absent. Members of the Board of Directors get together monthly with the Executive and make decisions which concern all George Brown

College students. From time to time, the Board of Directors members, Executive and staff get together to plan activities and policy.

Looking back over the years, there was a time when each separate campus had their own Student Administrative Council (SAC). In 1994, the SA was incorporated and it amalgamated the various SACs. At that time the President was a hired position and the Vice Presidents were nominated from elected Student Leaders. The Athletics Department of the College ran the elections for the SA.

Lori Foran has seen a number of changes over the years. Foran is currently Business Manager for the SA. She began her career as an elected student leader. She became Vice President of St James campus in the 1995-95 school year. Foran contributes the success of recent elections to "better marketing strategies."

When asked how she would describe the perfect candidate, Foran replies "They should be motivated, passionate and committed. They should be decision makers who wish to put their stamp on what happens at the College."

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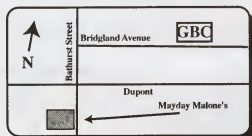
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Too polite to stir things up, or just too lazy?

by Kari Macknight

Like any other red-blooded Canadian, it is somewhere in my nature to complain about really silly things. From the lineup in the bank to the price of beer, the "bitch" is something of a birth or citizenship right north of the 49th parallel.

Now that everyone has said angrily to themselves how they are going to write in and complain that I am anti-Canadian (whatever) I can exist happily in the knowledge that I write the truth. At least a dozen of you have just proven me right. The other readers out there exhibit more dominantly than other Canadian quality of waiting for someone else to complain.

I've travelled to a lot of places and I've always found it strange how I've rarely been confused for an American. It isn't the way I speak, for those who know me. I grew up listening to a wide variety of accents and I never picked up the "oot and a boof" we are so famous for, or the Bob and Dougism of tacking on an "eh?" at the end of every question. I have discovered in recent years, though, that my voice does go up at the end of most of my sentences, but this is much more subtle and harder for foreigners to catch.

My Canadian-ness was also not revealed

through our ability to outdrink everyone but the Aussies or by the obnoxious way we sew Canadian flags to our backpacks (so frowned upon, people). It really is seen as an American characteristic by the rest of the world to flaunt your nationalism while abroad (I have however, had Americans ask me if I had any flags to give, especially in less Yank-friendly nations).

What inevitably gave me away time after time was the fact that Canadians are always complaining about the state of things. The bitch doesn't necessarily have to be about anything of global significance – in fact, it usually isn't.

While people are starving on every continent and while in some countries you can still be executed for speaking your mind, Canadians are crabbing that there aren't enough pay phones around or that the snowplough came by too early and woke them up. What might have been the complaint if it hadn't come around at all?

I present to you the evidence of last winter in Toronto. Radio talk shows and letters columns were jammed with the complaints of folks that had had enough. It turns out we'll even complain about the things we cannot change (what was that

thing about being granted the serenity to accept?). Not that lamenting meteorologically is a uniquely Canuck pastime, but I dare say there are infinitely more debatable topics. You can insert just about anything else here.

There is more to life than taxes, politicians and the fact that your neighbour's fence is three inches on your side of the property line. I even heard some customers in the coffee place where I work going on about how much they hated the company. It caused me to ask them why they kept coming back. You see, they are in there all day, day after day, consuming cup after cup. Does this seem strange only to me? It's a Canadian thing (or an acute caffeine addiction), one of them said to me. Although I was clear across the store, another accused me of eavesdropping. I guess I know now why there aren't that many Canadian spies...

At any rate, the time has come at George Brown to elect new Student Association executive. I am not nearly organized enough to hold elected office of any kind, but I know there are students out there who are, and who have the drive and the ideas to make some real changes here. KPI has told the college, in the past, that some

changes need to be made. Here is your opportunity to wreak some havoc, I mean, make a difference.

We all know things aren't perfect. We are Canadian and there is nothing we are more sure of than the perpetually imperfect state of things. If only we could pool all that negative energy. Think of all that we pour into keeping the peace and making life better in other parts of the world (with a scandal or two, obviously).

Display some very non-Canadian behaviour and get yourself a nomination form.

Errata

In the February 4 issue of *dialog* we published the incorrect phone number of the college's Human Rights Advisor. The number should have read 415-4646. Also in that issue we left off a few contributors from our masthead. Their names are Daniel Bell, Susan E. Gapka, Edwin Huang, Bonnie Fung, John Tomick, Sean Connor, Cathy Brunka, Maria Brand and Daniel McKillop. The Dialog Collective regrets these errors.

Student government can be fun ... really!



by Wayne Poirier

Election time is here again and a certain nostalgic feeling comes with it. It was only four years ago that I was running in the York Federation of Students elections. We had established a team of 13 individuals running together as a slate with common ideas and goals. The goals were simple – represent students and ensure that our collective voice was heard.

Our veteran campaign manager coordinated what amounted to an all-out attack. The "green machine" as the campus paper would refer to us, had a volunteer camp of about 60; as many hand painted banners; thousands of election posters (each displaying our logo: "Unity and Action"); and thousands of flyers. Our mornings started at 8 a.m., greeting students as they arrived on campus. The two-week

campaign period went by fast and as soon as the results were in, 11 of us were elected (me becoming President).

Each of you has the same opportunity before you. Nominations have just opened and the campaign period is still away in the near future. All that it takes is a little passion, the willingness to talk to people, hear their concerns and commit to following through. If you are asking why things never change around here, you should be asking "How can I make things change?" If you are asking why students' voices are not heard, you should be asking "How can students be heard?"

So think about it. I can guarantee you that being elected to the Student Association will be one of the most rewarding experiences that you will ever have. Where else can you find the opportunity to make a difference, learn from an incredibly diverse group of students and manage a large corporation. If you are not convinced yet, just come into any of our offices and ask about the different options to get involved.

by Allan Stokell

So, hands up everyone who wants to be a student representative! Anyone? That's the way it used to be when it came to finding students willing to be involved in student government. There were so many acclamations, sometimes there weren't even real elections. These days students understand the importance of having their voices heard. They know that changes are happening within the college and they realize that the way to really be heard is to be involved in student government. We aren't talking about student council here. Next year there will be almost ten thousand full-time students at our college. We are a community in the Global Village. This is like running for City Councillor, because as an elected representative, you will be making real decisions which will impact the lives of the student at this College. Many of us don't completely understand how important student government and the Student Association (SA) is. This is real power. When you get involved with the SA, your input will impact the way

our SA is run and how students interact with the College. Often students come to me frustrated by how the College bureaucracy treats them. I am at a loss to offer a positive outcome to these valid concerns. Our elected



representatives can perform important duties to assure that these voices are recognized. The other thing I would like to express is that since I began to work for the SA, I have had the opportunity to exchange views

with a great number of talented and committed people. I am proud to say that any success we have had has been a direct result of the combined wisdom of the Board of Directors and Executive of the Student Association. Being part of a team that can work together to a common end is one of the things that keeps me involved in this organization and the student movement. I often say that every full-time student is my employer. I say that because I don't want to lose sight of why we are here and what our duties are. I always ask students to be involved in their student government. I would like nothing more to have you as my boss. Together we can do marvelous things. Some people choose to participate in student government as part of their career path. Others see an opportunity to make a difference or achieve other goals. All of these reasons are valid and give our students the chance to work in a leadership role at our College. Drop by the Student Association Office at your campus and pick up a candidate package. Today.

How'd you like to boss me around?

Torrid Love

Dear Torri,

I was reading *dialog* the other day and happened across a question some poor girl had about her boyfriend's penis tattoo. In it, she passed on the fact that she had faked her orgasm. You told her that "faking an orgasm is nothing to be ashamed of — it's a fact of life when dealing with male egos." I found it disturbing to think that there may be a girl out there who has sex her entire life, or maybe even just a few years without understanding what a true pleasure it is to have an orgasm. What kind of an advice columnist are you?

That is a horrible thing to say: telling girls who probably suffer from low self-esteem! It's like telling them that their pleasure is unimportant, so long as the guy gets his rocks off. You should instead be advising women that they don't have to fake it. That with proper instruction and a little creativity, any man can give his woman an orgasm. That it's simply a matter of her mindset. If, for example she is uncomfortable with the guy she is with, or worse yet, uncomfortable with herself, then it probably isn't going to happen. That's the difference between those girls who do have them, and those girls who don't.

For us guys, sex is all about the female orgasm, unlike masturbation which is all about our own orgasm. So when you girls fake it, it would appear as though we're just masturbating — with your genitals. Is that what you want?

What you have to realize is that we would be just as happy giving you a real one, and I'm sure that once you do climax, you won't want it any other way.

For you girls who have never climaxed, it's time to sit down and ask yourself why not. Is it really his fault?

Firstly, you have to understand is that you are responsible for your own orgasm. No one can do it for you, so you have to actively seek it out. Secondly, if you don't know how to please yourself, you can't expect anyone else to know how either. If you don't know where your clitoris is, how do you expect him to find it? You girls have been blessed with innumerable erogenous zones, you should be taking advantage of that.

Perhaps it's time for you to take a nice hot bubble bath, and find some of those "spots" that you girls are so lucky to have. Once you feel comfortable with yourself and understand what needs to happen, it's time to let him in on the secret. Any man worth his salt will not mind taking instructions in bed. He will not mind if you want to be on top, and he will not mind using his tongue.

Just a point to note, unlike you girls, we don't care if you use our ears as handbags and pull our hair like you're scrubbing dirty gitch on a washboard. Something to keep in mind, if he does mind doing any of these things I talked about, it may be that he has some serious control issues, and perhaps you should review your relationship. It may be a sign of things to come. Once things start happening though you may feel an inclination to move around. Go with it.

For a guy there's nothing worse than

stopping to take a pulse. Don't be afraid to vocalize either (unless you're in the tub taking a hot bubble bath by yourself). Your parents might think something is wrong. My advice to you is to do whatever it is you need to do. As I said earlier, it's your orgasm ... go for it! All you need is a little knowledge, and a willing partner, and I guarantee the earth will move.

Disgusted

Dear Disgusted,

I agree whole heartedly that women should enjoy sex and be fully satisfied (I would, however, rethink the notion of having sex with girls as you so eloquently put it—jail time is no fun). I did not mean to suggest otherwise but rather that at the beginning of a sexual relationship, women are not often satisfied but do not want to be demoralized—translation: they would like the opportunity to keep trying until the guy gets it right. I never said that her orgasm isn't important but that in this particular situation, she made a good call. I think that making a woman feel okay about her decision when she's tormented about what she did is a good thing.

Achieving orgasm is something that a woman often has to work at with her partner and it can take a little bit of time—translation: many men (not all) haven't a clue or interest in taking the time to figure this out. Individuals often need to increase their comfort levels with new partners before they can issue directives or, at very least, manoeuvre their partners' tongues to an advantageous position.

You're also right that self-esteem plays a large role in sexual relations. This is why a woman should be able to take her time getting to the point she wants (e.g. orgasm), so she doesn't feel inferior when she can't come the first time around. A woman also should not have to take advice from self-important men who think they know what it's like to be a woman and who tell her that she doesn't touch herself enough.

People grow on different sexual continua. Please try to understand this. I think you are part of a rare breed, my friend. There are many men (not all) who do not consider sex without a female orgasm to be the same as masturbating.

There are many men (not all) who believe that if they don't blow, the entire exercise is irrelevant. There are many men (not all) who aren't even courteous enough to tell a woman when they're going to blow in her mouth. If you could please forward the names of the men you know who are so invested in a woman's

sexual satisfaction I would appreciate it. Several friends and I would love to meet them.

On a final note, sex should be an act in which both parties are equal participants. It is not intended that one party's pleasure should take precedence over another's. Sometimes we've got to move along at a pace that works for us and sometimes we have to make concessions, or make people feel good so we'll later have the opportunity to be in a place that rocks both partners' worlds.

Torri

Dear Torrid Love,

Okay... let me get this straight. "Torrid" went with her beau to a "have-a-quickie" motel to have sex for the first time. She said that they had "agreed from the start to save sex for later". Translation: SHE wanted to "save sex for later". She said "By the time winter holidays came we decided we were ready". Translation: HE was tired of waiting and pushed her into it. ("decided" ... yeah right) Anyway ... so she thought it would be "fun" to go to a nasty, seedy,

run-down motel to engage in the most intimate encounter of a relationship. "Mortified" why didn't you go someplace nice at least (considering it probably wasn't entirely what you wanted in the first place)? And even on a more confused note...

why didn't this guy tell you he had a tattoo on his penis when you started getting physically involved? And to think you used his name (Jeff) in your question to Torri... like "Jeff" won't read *dialog*. And he'll know it's you who asked the question ... c'mon how many guys out there have pictures on their pee-pees (what was the tattoo of, by the way)?!

Reality check, "Mortified". Honesty is one of the main blocks in the foundation of a relationship. He didn't tell you about the tattoo and you "faked" liking it. What's going on here?

The Pillsbury Dough Girl

Pillsbury Dough Girl,

Why don't you take your uptight, middle-class values somewhere that won't make me nauseated? Why can't two consenting adults—and I mean consenting because that was not ever the issue for Mortified and Jeff, except in your mind—have a little fun by playing a dirty game and going to a cheap motel.

I'll let you in on a little secret ... some people have sex in positions other than the

missionary, and some people enjoy a good shag. Some people have sex in places other than beds and some other people do it in the bum. I know this may come as a shock to you but ask around, frigidity isn't as popular as you may think it is.

As for Jeff not telling about the penis tat, maybe he wanted to surprise her with something he thinks to be extremely erotic. As for the faking orgasm, are you kidding me? If you've had sex, you've done it. Lack of honesty is not the issue.

Dough Girl, it seems to me as though you're grasping at straws here. If you're so desperate to share your advice, find your own paper to publish your thoughts (I hear Jim Bakker is looking for newsletter contributors when he restarts the PTL). For now I'll indulge you and let you have a piece of my pie but watch out, I get hungry.

Torri

Dear Torrid Love,

"Leave Me Alone" needs to report. Gender does not make a difference when it comes to sexual harassment! Whether you are male or female, if you don't respond to a harasser by telling them you don't appreciate their advances, your silence is compliance. What makes it worse is that when a woman is harassed it's considered a gross violation of her personal rights. Yet, when a man is harassed it's considered humorous or a sign of his sexual allure.

"Leave Me Alone", as a student at GBC, you have a right to a safe learning environment. You don't have to sit and take it. If your classmate doesn't quit with the sexual innuendos, tell her you want her to stop. If she doesn't stop, call Human Rights Advisor asap.

The Pillsbury Dough Girl

Dear Pillsbury Dough Girl (again),

Try reading the response before getting on your soapbox and suggesting that I don't take harassment seriously. My advice, if you'll recall, was to ask the offending party to stop. The next part—which may be challenging for those of you without a sense of humour—was tongue-in-cheek advice. I followed it up with a suggestion to call the Human Rights Advisor (albeit with the wrong phone number—sorry to the poor College employee who might be getting phone calls. The correct number is 415-4646). And by the way, Dough Girl, what makes you think the writer of the letter was male? That's sort of heterosexist of you, isn't it? Get over yourself—I have.

Torri

Dear Dough Girl (yet again),

Your response to my third piece of Valentine's advice isn't worth my time.

Torri

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to Torrid Love at
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Change (project) is good

by Michael Cooke

Sharing Change: The Student Forum for Building Our Future. On January 27, 2000 GBC students added their voice in support of the Change Project here at the College.

Although students had been involved in organizing and running the very first Change Project event back in October 1999, this time they took centre stage in the first of a series of student "Building our Future" forums. About 60 students, along with College faculty and administration and SA representatives, were welcomed to a two-hour session by co-hosts Student Association Acting President Margaret Cameron and Change Project facilitator Pat Goyette.

GBC President Frank Sorochinsky thanked everyone for making the effort to attend and contribute. He encouraged an open exchange of comments, both positive and negative. He emphasized that all student should have high expectations of learning and college life, and that the entire College community must be committed to meeting and exceeding those expectations. Student participants were very pleased to see the involvement of the President and other

senior administrators. One student quipped, "I've never even seen the President before".

Change Project leader Michael Cooke gave a short overview of the Change Project and how it will address concerns raised in last year's Student Satisfaction survey. He briefly reviewed the work done to date, and noted that the process has provided a central focus to the College's actions for the next three years. He outlined the GBC Action Plan, an ambitious undertaking developed in sessions in November, which addresses a number of key areas, including:

- student success
- quality of delivery
- the enrolment process (including timetables and marks)
- classroom renewal (facilities)
- program renewal for academic excellence
- service excellence
- communications
- staffing and leadership excellence.

Cooke noted, "Any action plan must involve staff, students, partners outside the College and government. Take facilities, for example. To improve them, we'll have to eliminate food & drink from all rooms, implement a quick response system for repair,

launch an awareness campaign to build a sense of pride and ownership for each other and the facilities, raise the profile for caretakers, and review safety policies and training. Everyone has to participate if we are to succeed. No one action will ensure success and no one group can make it happen."

With that, the students got to work. The room was buzzing as team members learned more about each other, gained more appreciation of the diversity of our community and worked together to develop a new-and-improved George Brown. Basing their activities on the Action, each table group envisioned the George Brown College of 2003 by making a collage. Each team got a chance to look at the work of other teams, as well.

Then they were asked to develop five actions necessary to make their vision real, in one of the following categories: academic excellence, faculty/student relationships, or systems. They developed actions to be undertaken on a personal level, by staff, and by the Student Association.

Several themes emerged repeatedly:

- a) increased responsibility

and accountability

Suggestions included:

- ensure that staff have the answers to students' questions, to avoid "the runaround",
- ensure that management takes responsibilities when problems arise
- ensure that faculty demonstrate teaching skills and passion in addition to their credentials
- b) improved communications

Suggestions included:

- ensure students take responsibility by attending information sessions
- increase faculty role in advocating on behalf of students
- have management make better use of front-line staff in developing solutions

c) better ability to provide accurate information

Suggestions included:

- ensure students knowing the names of the staff in their area
- ensure that faculty keep themselves up to date
- ensure that support staff can give accurate information
- d) better sense of community

Suggestions included:

- ask the Student Association to develop activities that improve morale

• ask for greater involvement from staff in helping students and in giving individualized attention

• ensure greater visibility and accessibility of administration.

Participant reaction to the session was passionate and positive. Many stated that they appreciated the chance to express their concerns and to be listened to. One respondent noted, "This is a tremendous and challenging venture. We cannot ignore the need for ongoing student participation." Several participants expressed the need for additional forums to "let individuals know how they can solve their own problems". One respondent suggested, "Have them (forums) more often if possible, AND have it more "advertised" around the school. Many more would come if they knew about it."

The Student Association collected the results of all the work done in the session and will continue the work by processing and presenting the results to the College community. Any student interested in participating in later forums or in working on a task force, working group or committee for specific projects is invited to contact the Student Association at 415-2765.

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New Orleans: More than just Mardi Gras

Headed to the Big Easy for the break? A seasoned reveler primes you for the planet's most notorious piss-up
Story and photographs by Kari Macknight Illustrations by Andrew Carlton

Big Easy Glossary

At some point during your stay in New Orleans you'll hear a word or two that will cause you to wonder: The combination of cultures in Louisiana, combined with a bit of the Old South, makes for an interesting lexicon.

Andouille (AN doo o): traditional spicy sausage, used in everything from jambalaya to red beans and rice.

Ash Wednesday: The day after Mardi Gras and the first day of Lent. Many of the city's Catholics attend mass to receive an ash cross on their foreheads (symbolizing mortality).

Banquette (ban KET): Asidewalk.

Beads: cheap plastic necklaces thrown from floats and French Quarter balconies during Carnival. Some people will do just about anything to get them.

Beignet (Ben YAY): French-style deep fried donuts. The best ones are at Café du Monde (1039 Decatur St.)

Cajun (KAY jen): One word, three meanings. It can refer to the French Acadians who settled in the area in the 1700s after being driven from Nova Scotia; a style of cooking; or a quirky dialect of French spoken by the aforementioned Cajuns.

Crawfish: Often referred to as crayfish by interested, and as mudbugs by some locals. A must-try for anyone interested in sampling real New Orleans cuisine.

Creole (KREE yole): French and Spanish descendants living in Louisiana. It is also a style of cooking that is commonly confused with Cajun, but not the same.

Doubloons: Coins thrown from floats during Mardi Gras. Hard to catch and highly coveted, these coins are traded like real money by avid collectors.

Gumbo: From an African word meaning okra, this soup is worth a shot in just about any restaurant.

Mardi Gras: Fat Tuesday, the last day before Lent. Carnival ends at midnight on Fat Tuesday. People often mistake the one day for the entire celebration of Carnival. This year Mardi Gras is March 7.

Neutral Ground: Called a median everywhere else.

Po' Boy: A New Orleans traditional sandwich made with an entire French bread. The name comes from the fact the sandwich can feed a whole family.

Praline (PRAH leen): A sugary confection also containing cream and pecans (peh CAHNS - In the South, a PEE CAN is something entirely different). The best pralines are at Evan's (848 Decatur St.).

Rex: One of the best-known parades, Rex is chock full o' glamour and colourful floats.

Throws: Anything pitched from a parade float, usually beads, doubloons, and plastic cups.

Zulu: My favourite parade. Zulu parade on Mardi Gras and is by far the most fun to watch. Look for the painted coconut, the highly-prized throw. These are handed out instead of tossed from floats, for obvious reasons.



The Zulu parade: Easily Carnival's most colorful costumes.



A typical French Quarter balcony bead toss.

Carnival Basics

• The first documented parade consisted of a group of costumed revelers back in 1837, but some variety of pre-Lenten party has gone on in New Orleans since the mid 1700s, stopping only during Spanish rule and for a little while following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. Carnival was cancelled from 1942-45 during World War II but has been enjoyed uninterrupted since then.

• Mardi Gras always falls on the Tuesday that is 46 days before Easter and Carnival is the period from January 6 which is called Twelfth Night. It is twelve days after Christmas and the day on which it is believed the Wise Men reached Bethlehem.

• Krewe is a term that is used to refer to specific organizations that put on parades. It is derived from the word "crew". Many of the names are founded in Greek mythology, such as Bacchus and Orpheus.

• The colours of Carnival are purple, green and gold, chosen in 1872. Purple is for justice, green is for faith and gold is for power. These colours dominate parade floats but costumes and masks are seen in every colour of the rainbow.

• Hollywood celebrities begin as kings and queens of Carnival parades in 1969, with Danny Kaye as the king of the Krewe of Bacchus. Native New Orleansian Louis Armstrong was king of Zulu

back in 1949, however. Famous kings and queens of Carnival

parades have included David Copperfield, Jay Leno, Delta Burke, David Letterman, and John Larroquette, among others. In 1994, Harry Connick, Jr., a New Orleans native, formed his own Carnival organization, the Krewe of Orpheus. Orpheus is one of the most stylish parades to watch.

• The city of New Orleans passed an ordinance in 1992 requiring all krewes to open their membership, removing a history of racial and social segregation. Many had already done so. Three organizations protest by ceasing to parade but Rex expands its membership.

The population of New Orleans swells exponentially during Carnival and it's important to understand that not everybody is there to party. The "clean" streets of Toronto are no training ground for what can happen to you in one of America's most notoriously crime-ridden cities (why do you think they film so many episodes of COPS there?). In the city's defense, though, there has been a serious crackdown in recent years on violent crime and police corruption - it appears to be working.

Still, I must encourage any visitor to New Orleans to remember a few things, most of which I've fortunately never had

to discover for myself.

1. Buy some Goody's Headache Powder. I've never seen it outside of New Orleans. You'll welcome this pulverized version of aspirin for your inevitable hangovers.

2. After dark, you should always explore with a friend. We're not talking about the cutie sax player you met in Jackson Square; New Orleans is an entirely different beast when the sun goes down. If you have to venture out alone, stay in the French Quarter. The number of tourists in the Quarter at any given time is incredible - you'll be safest here. This is also where most of the insanity

and revelry of Mardi Gras awaits you.

3. If you absolutely must drink to excess, walk it off. The novel thing about the Quarter is that you can carry open alcohol (in plastic cups). My personal favourites are the Pat O'Brien's hurricane (aptly named) and any of the 101 daiquiri flavours available. Bourbon Street is lined with take-out bar counters, giving bar-hopping a new twist. The more popular bars and clubs ID everybody so be at least 21 and always carry a genuine Ontario driver's license or passport.

4. Do not sleep in your car. Not just frowned upon by the local constabulary (and your chiropractor), a night spent

avoiding a hotel bill will likely get you a fine equivalent to what you'd have spent anyway.

5. If you are easily offended, avoid the Quarter at all costs. Bourbon Street is lined nearly end to end with strip clubs catering to every perversion and persuasion and is not for the light-hearted. If you can file away the last vestiges of political correctness for your stay you will have an amazing time.

6. Take pictures. Capture the memories you may not remember the morning after the night before. Nobody whose never been to Mardi Gras is going to believe what you say saw...

Once you've had your fill of Bourbon Street, you'll hopefully have some time (and energy) left to take in all the other things that have made New Orleans famous.

The birthplace of jazz, New Orleans is home to some of the best live music available anywhere. Check out **Muddy Waters** (8301 Oak St., Uptown), **Snug Harbour** (626 Frenchmen St., Faubourg Marigny) and **Tipitina's** (in the Quarter at 233 N. Peters St. and Uptown at 501 Napoleon Ave.).

For the very finest and most authentic dixieland jazz on earth, visit **Preservation Hall** (726 St. Peter St. in the Quarter), home of the world famous Preservation Hall Jazz Band. The Hall is open every night from 8 p.m. to midnight and admission is only five bucks. This is my single most favourite place in New Orleans and I stopped counting my visits at 25. You can't eat, drink or smoke here but you can stay for as many sets as you like (each is about 35 minutes long). Entirely acoustic, the music is different every night. If you fancy yourself a jazz affi-

cionado, this is practically a pilgrimage sight. Ben Jaffe, son of founder and original band member Allan Jaffe, runs the Hall with his mother and doubles as the band's upright bass player.

If history is more your thing, New Orleans has more interesting museums and tours than I have seen anywhere else in the world.

Start off with the **New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum** (724 Dumaine St. in the Quarter). The displays of artifacts and altars are unparalleled and a walking tour is available. Don't forget to bring some coins and a candy bar or two to appease the spirits.

The **Old U.S. Mint** (400 Esplanade Ave.) contains the world's largest collection of instruments used by jazz legends, as well as incredible Mardi Gras memorabilia. The museum is closed on Mondays.

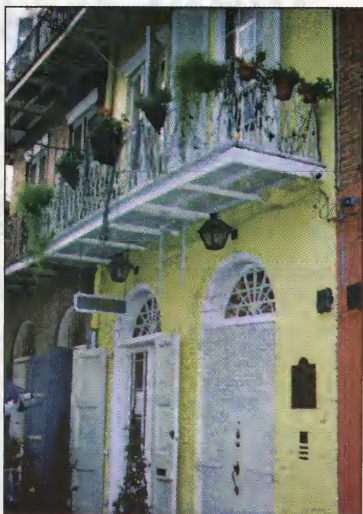
New Orleans can also hold its own when it comes to shopping. Besides the massive Riverwalk mall on the Mississippi bank (home to Abercrombie & Fitch, Victoria's Secret, etc.), the city has a few places you can only see on

foot. If you're already in the Quarter, try bargain hunting at the French Market or the kitschy antique shops on Frenchmen St.

Bourbon Street is the absolute worst place to buy anything (outside food and beverage) due to its overpowering tackiness. However, if you're looking for a T-shirt proclaiming your virility or just what you did to get your Mardi Gras beads, then there is nowhere better to shop.

More high-end antiques can be found all along Royal Street (said to be the prettiest street in the Quarter) and on Magazine Street, in Mid City. Bette Midler and Judge Judy are just two of the celebrities who flock here for their own home furnishings.

If you're looking for something entirely different to do while in the deep South, I suggest a swamp tour or a drive along the River Road. If you choose a swamp tour, it's good to know in advance that alligators hibernate in the winter and are rarely seen. I recommend a tour of Bayou Segnette where the cypress trees and spanish moss seem to come alive at dusk.



Once the home of William Faulkner, this charming house at 624 Pirate's Alley in the French Quarter is now Faulkner House Books. *Soldier's Pay*, Faulkner's first novel, was written here



The Oak Alley plantation in Vacherie (on the River Road, a short trip from the city) is probably the South's most famous. This Greek Revival house was built between 1837 and 1839 and is noted for its alley of 28 evenly spaced live oak trees. The trees are at least 100 years older than the house. You may remember this view of Oak Alley as the opening scene in "Interview with the Vampire". Oak Alley and many of the River Road's other famous houses are antebellum, which refers to architecture that survived the Civil War.

Wired New Orleans

There is so much junk about New Orleans on the Web, a search yield mainly people's personal pages and a lot of sports and chat information. If you can't be bothered to pick up a guide book before you go (I recommend the Access guide, by the way) check out a few of the sites below. At this time of year they are especially current and quite reliable.

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Literary New Orleans

If you're a fan of Anne Rice's, no visit to New Orleans is complete without a visit to her first St. house (in the Garden District). This house is the setting of the *Witching Hour*. Look for the two very lazy mastiffs that "guard" the house. Many of Rice's vampire stories take place in the decidedly more creepy and historic French Quarter.

John Kennedy Toole's *Confederacy of Dunces* is set in New Orleans. Unfortunately the author did not live to see his famous story win the Pulitzer Prize in 1981. He committed suicide in 1969. Walker Percy, who wrote *The Moviegoer* (also set in New Orleans) helped to get *Dunces* published.

Get Stuffed

If food is more your passion, the Big Easy has as many restaurants per block as Toronto. Whatever your budget, you will find something. If you are the adventurous type, sample some of the lesser known Cajun delicacies (like alligator sausage or deep fried okra). Below are some French Quarter restaurants and cafés that have both good service and great food. Ones accompanied by a dollar sign (\$) are a little harder on the wallet. Prices listed are in American dollars.

Acme Oyster House (724 Iberville St. in the Quarter). A Vieux Carré landmark for the last 90 years, Acme is THE place for raw oysters (a local delicacy) in New Orleans. Vegetarians beware.

Antoine's (713 St. Louis St.) Made famous by the Frances Parkinson Keyes mystery *Dinner at Antoine's*, the restaurant is a destination in the city. Last time I heard they didn't take reservations. This one is a definite \$.

Café du Monde (1039 Decatur St.). Open 24 hours a day, this is by far the best place either to start or finish your

day. Café au lait and beignets are the thing. Cheap at \$5.00 for two people.

Lucky Cheng's (720 St. Louis St.) If the Asian-Creole menu isn't interesting enough for you, start a conversation with your server. The "waitresses" here are famous, you see, they're all drag queens. The food is excellent too. If you're with a group of at least four, try 'Imelda's Shoe', a size 9 chocolate high heel shoe filled with fruit and whipped cream, if only for the novelty (\$30). \$

Louisiana Pizza Kitchen (95 French Market Pl. and 2800 Esplanade Ave.) Hands down the best wood oven pizza anywhere and very reasonable prices. They have a good wine selection and a chatty staff. Dinner for one - \$13.00

The Court of Two Sisters (613 Royal St.) With daily jazz brunches in a storybook courtyard setting, this restaurant is an ideal date destination. Easily one of the city's finest restaurants there are now two brothers that run it. Reservations are recommended, as is the vegetarian jambalaya or the sweet potato lasagna. This place is a bit pricey but well worth it.\$



The Natchez, one of only a few authentic Mississippi riverboats still in use.

Five of the most influential people in black history

by Uchechi Chuta

Source: The McGill Daily (McGill University)

MONTREAL (CUP) — Below is a list of five people who have had a profound effect on black history.

Wole Soyinka

The first African Nobel Laureate in Literature. He has also been a central figure in the politics of his home country, Nigeria. In 1967, the Eastern region of Nigeria unilaterally declared itself a country and formed the now defunct Republic of Biafra.

During this trying period of Nigeria's history, Soyinka visited the leader of Biafra, Colonel Odumegwu Ojukwu, to negotiate and avoid war. Unsuccessful, he returned to Nigeria and was subsequently arrested and jailed for being a Biafran spy. While in jail, he wrote a memoir called, "The Man Died" which was widely given praise and acclaim worldwide. In 1970, the war ended leaving 3 million Biafrans dead.

The annulment of the 1993 democratic elections transformed Soyinka into a full-time pro-democracy activist. Soyinka was wanted by the military junta in Nigeria, forcing him to flee into self-exile. But being abroad did not silence his voice. He canvassed world leaders to pressure the Nigerian government to accept democracy.

Soyinka has always defined himself as an Africanist. He has extensively studied the metaphysical systems and the philosophical ideas of African society. His literary works and thoughts are based on his understanding of his Yoruba culture.

Jesus Christ

The name of Jesus has been used to justify wars, slavery and colonialism — all of which have claimed lives and freedom.

Christianity served as an ideological

logical rationale for European's colonizing crusades into Africa, Asia and the Americas.

Jesus Christ's philosophy was not behind the evil atrocities that perpetuate his name. He preached pure love, regardless of race or ethnicity. He never advocated violence or wished harm to any people. "Peace I leave with you," Jesus said, "not as the world gives, do I give to you."

Malcolm X

Malcolm X was one of the most influential civil rights activists in America in the 1960s and is considered to be the architect of Black Nationalism.

He was instrumental in the growth of the Nation of Islam, the second-most popular religion of blacks in the United States.

Malcolm X's most famous quote "By any means necessary" has been interpreted in several ways to justify various forms of protest. Many black youths at some point in their lives have directly identified with Malcolm X's message and tried to enact his philosophy of Black Power.

Violence as a means of ending violence is one way of understanding the complex and constantly changing beliefs of Malcolm X.

Nelson Mandela

One of the most popular political prisoners of the 20th century, Nelson Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. He was imprisoned for over 28 years for standing up to apartheid.

Mandela, along with other members of the African National Congress, fought South Africa's systemic racist government by discouraging foreign investment in the country and by creating social instability. Shortly after, Mandela was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment on drummed up charges of sabotage.

"I have fought against white

domination, and I have fought against black domination," he said before his sentence. "I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons live together in harmony and with equal opportunities.

It is an ideal, which I hope to live for and to achieve. But if I needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

It was the dream of liberty that carried him on in prison. In the 1980s, he rejected Prime Minister P.W. Botha's offer of freedom if he renounced violence, though shortly after his release in February 1990, Mandela and his delegation agreed to the suspension of armed struggle.

His hard work was rewarded when he became the first democratically elected president of South Africa in May 1994. He retired from public life in 1999.

Bob Marley

Bob Marley was a man who preached unity and peace in his songs. He was often accused of singing love songs and glorifications of "ganja," also known as marijuana. He told his listeners that all his words in his songs, which often addressed issues of unity and freedom, had a meaning.

Marley popularized reggae and put it on the world map of music. His album Exodus was declared the album of the century by the December 1999, issue of Time magazine. His greatest achievement was when he headlined the Zimbabwean, formerly Rhodesia, independence celebration in 1980.

Marley was a Rastafarian and he obeyed this call to the letter. When he injured his toe playing soccer, and it turned out to be cancerous, he refused to amputate the toe because it went against his beliefs. The cancer spread and resulted in his death at the young age of 36.

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NS education minister "promises" free tuition to graduating students

by Lee Pitts

Source: Dalhousie Gazette (Dalhousie University)

HALIFAX (CUP) — If a comment made by Nova Scotia Education Minister Jane Purves holds any water, then graduating students in the province could be looking at free tuition.

Student leaders from 11 Nova Scotia post-secondary institutions met with Purves last term to discuss a number of student issues, including student debt.

Mark Galley, vice-president (student advocacy) for the

Dalhousie Student Union, says the minister told the gathered student leaders that she'd like to reward students in their final year with free tuition.

"[It would be] a program that would reward you in your last year by having your last year free," said Galley. It's a plan he'd like to see implemented sometime during the provincial government's current mandate. The Tories won the Nova Scotia election this past summer.

Purves couldn't be reached for comment, but Susan Clarke, of the Nova Scotia Council of

Higher Education, says Purves' comment was made in passing and nothing more.

During the meeting, Clarke says, a comment was made about a Saskatchewan election promise where leaders promised free tuition for first-year students. "[Purves] said 'if I had been in Saskatchewan, I would have gone for year four,'" as opposed to year one, Clarke said. "It's a very nice idea, if she had the money."

Clarke doesn't expect anything to come of the minister's remark. But Galley believes a program

that would offer students in their graduating year free tuition is the best thing the provincial government could do for students right now.

"In the last year, it gives you 12 months to start saving up to pay back student loans," said Galley. "When you get out [of university], you've got some money and can start making payments." Both Clarke and Galley agree that if the government did pay for a year of every Nova Scotia student's tuition, the fourth-year would be the best route.

"The first year you would see anyone who is eligible, with high school grades, coming in," Galley said. "If the first year is free, the government would have to come up with millions more in funding. The universities can't handle that influx."

But Clarke reiterates that this was just a comment made in passing and nothing more.

"If the money were there, it's something [Purves would] like to do," she said. "But I'd imagine there would be some debate as to whether that was the best way to spend the money."

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Ontario study sees bright future for college graduates

by Dan Ovey

Source: excalibur (York University)
TORONTO (CUP) — College students can look forward to a bright future after graduation, says a recent study.

Last week, Dianne Cunningham, Ontario's minister of Training, Colleges, and Universities, released a survey that found college students had a high chance of finding employment shortly after graduation.

According to the survey, 9 out of 10 college graduates find jobs within six months of graduation.

"Clearly a college education is preparing young people for success in the workforce," said Cunningham. "By publicizing the profile of college graduates, we are giving students the information they need to make informed choices for the future."

Joel Harden, Ontario chair for the Canadian Federation of Students, agrees that education is important but questions who can access it.

"All those statistics demonstrate that higher education is important to have," he said. "People who get it have a ticket, and people who don't are out of luck."

Harden adds that rising tuition fees make it difficult for students to get into college and get that ticket. Over the last decade, tuition across Canada has increased by an average of 125 per cent.

The survey included responses from both students and employers. According to the survey, 80 per cent of employers were very satisfied or satisfied with the education their employees received in college. Furthermore, findings showed the average salary for full-time employed graduates was \$26,748 six months after graduation.

Tony Tanner, dean of Seneca College at York University, believes the statistics to be an accurate reflection of what he sees at his college.

"At Seneca more than 80 per cent of our grads are employed within six months of graduation in their field, so the numbers here are consistent with that," said Tanner. He believes this is linked to the accessibility and utility of job banks that college graduates have.

But Vivek Lobo, a chemical technology student at Seneca, foresees a bleak future even with the availability of job banks.

"Times are changing, and by the time I do graduate it will be hard to say how the job market will be," he said. "I went to a job bank at the mall the other day, and typed in chemical technology, and not one entry came up. No positions were available."

Despite the reported success of college

graduates, Tanner says there still remains a significant number of students who feel it necessary to couple their college diploma with a university degree.

"In the biological science and applied chemistry program it is as high as 30 per cent that go on to York or Guelph," he said. "In other programs it's a very small number, but growing, as many of our students have expressed a desire to have both a college and university education."

Tanya Bailey, a biological research and technology student at Seneca, is one of those students. Bailey says she intends to go to university after graduation.

"I plan to go to Guelph University after I graduate, and I think that will increase my chances of finding a job," she said. "I think that you need both a college and university degree to get a good job nowadays."

Who must die before someone listens?

by Edwin Huang

"Critical care bypass."

This short catchphrase was created to describe an unsettling situation, the redirection of critical care patients to other hospitals. As a result of the cutbacks in hospital funding in recent years, many hospitals in our province were amalgamated. On paper this cost reduction measure seemed to make sense.

In reality, which is quite a foreign concept for the Common Sense Revolution, the situation is often more to do with a life and death circumstance and not dollars and cents. What summations can be made of a government who enthusiastically endorsed funding Canadian hockey teams in financial troubles with tens of millions of dollars when at the same time families are homeless or people are dying on route to hospitals? There have been

times in the past few months where 23 of the 25 hospital ERs in the entire GTA were on critical care bypass. The time lost in transit from one hospital to the next can be crucial to the survival of an individual.

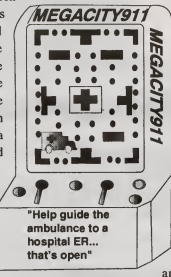
Joshua Fleuelling, an 18-year-old man, died from cardiac arrest resulting from an asthma attack last month. The closest hospital to his home was Scarborough Grace Hospital. Joshua was diverted to Markham

passed away as a result of a brain hemorrhage and possibly critical care bypass. Ambulance attendants initially took Richard to the St. Joseph's Health Centre. As a result of a critical care bypass situation at St. Joseph's, he was instead transferred to the London Health Centre. By having no identification, or next of kin with him at the time, he was admitted as a "John Doe". As a result of his transfer to a hospital outside of the city, his friends and community workers had difficulties finding him in London. The following day he was operated on. Unfortunately, complications stemming from the operation arose and Richard died alone in London. If he had not been transferred and been identified by his name and not "John Doe" staff at PARC (Parkdale Activity-Recreation Centre) could have been with him in his last hours. Richard Marfat was

a vibrant and colourful man with many friends who leaves behind fond memories to all who knew him. Hopefully many more will learn of the kind and interesting man Richard truly was. There are those in the world who like to place everything and everyone into boxes. The media especially is often guilty of this. Movies and articles are sometimes fluffed to add interest or an entertainment value. Why

did a paper such as *The Toronto Star* find it necessary to call him "a mentally ill Parkdale man"? Why is it necessary to label a man to his health and with his neighbourhood? Richard was a well-known member of the Parkdale community and was loved by many. He was a client at the Parkdale Activity-Recreation Centre for over 20 years. A regular at the Free Times Café open-mike nights, Richard was an accomplished performer. A fine painter and a man with a fine voice, he will be missed by many in this city.

Illustration by Edwin Huang and Oksana Lisovska



A Glimpse Of A Lost Identity

by Bonnie Fung

He lives on the street, panhandling for spare change as the people walk by. The wind and bitter cold batter his already chapped skin but still he smiles. But it wasn't always that way. Just a year or so ago he had a fairly well-paying job, a comfortable apartment and a loving family. Now all of it is gone but he's not all that worried about what has happened to his wife, he knows that she's fairly well taken care of and that she looking after their 2 1/2 year old daughter.

This is his story that he had to tell. The company that he worked for hit some rough times and he had been told that he would be temporarily laid off and since at that time downsizing in the company was not an unusual thing, he didn't think much of it. Collecting unemployment for a few months was all right but it got to a point where he started to invest in stocks and then for a bit it was fairly stable. Then the unthinkable happened: all his stocks crashed leaving him with almost nothing.

His wife with her job made just enough to pay the rent and feed the family but with the constant growing of their daughter the clothing issue became an issue for them to uphold on a regular basis. So our man left his family one night to avoid dragging them down, if anything were to happen. He felt very disappointed with himself that he

wasn't able to provide sufficient care for his small family.

He feels ashamed of himself unsure if he should be blaming himself or the rest of society for his misfortune, but what's done is done. There's nothing that he can do about it now but sit on a street corner and hope.

His nearly empty Styrofoam cup sits ready to be blown away in the wind. He's hoping that some kind hearted person would be able to spare some change so that he may be able to get something to eat or to drink. He told me that he's not an alcoholic and he doesn't do drugs and for some reason I believed him. He also told me that if he ever got the chance he'd try to go back to his wife and daughter if he believed that he could sufficiently provide for them again. But the most important thing that he told me before he concluded our short interview was, "Don't turn your back on life even if it may look down. Things may look bad but they always have a chance to get better in the long run. Most important don't let people like me fool you, because one day you never know, it may happen to you."

Keep that in mind the next time you may pass a homeless person on the street. Even if you don't have change to spare give, them a warm smile. It may just brighten their day. They are sure to appreciate your kindness no matter how insignificant it may seem.

Super Poverty Bros.

by John Tomic

When we think about poverty, we ask ourselves the question: "How can we help the less fortunate people, so that they get the essentials they need?"

The following is a mockery of a nintendo game that explains this situation. Instead of the main characters chasing the "bad guy", King Koopa, they are given a task which will unite everyone at the end of the game.

The main characters, Mario and Luigi, proceed through at least eight different worlds, gathering all the non-perishable food items that they can find. The last stop is Koopa's Castle. That's where they meet with their allies, King Koopa and his children.

This is a very poor family, looking for help from anyone who noticed that food had become a huge

necessity for them. The main characters are focused on helping them and when they finally get to the castle, Koopa is so happy with all the food the family gets, that he throws a big party and turns it all into a huge potluck dinner to celebrate the occasion.

This is very similar to people who live in Africa, for example, however, the only difference is that it takes more time for them to get their necessities from North America because they are overseas. They suffer from malnutrition and are also looking to be noticed. It's not easy living poor, especially in an underdeveloped continent or country. This game mockery, in my opinion, demonstrates exactly what it's like to be poor and in serious, need and how fast someone could help if they really wanted to and really cared about you.

Sports

by Rod Brown

Men's Basketball Team Has the Ball Rolling

With a record of 7 wins and 4 losses, the Men's Basketball Team finds itself in third place in the Central Division with the OCAA Championships looming on the horizon.

On the January 26th Humber came to George Brown to face the Huskies in an inner-city battle. The game was a low-scoring affair with Humber coming out on top. Losing by only five points, the men looked to redeem themselves on the 28th against another city team, the Sting, from Seneca. Our dogs battled hard and winning convincingly: 95-73.

In the sequel, the BumbleBees looked to 'sting' the dogs when the Huskies visited Seneca on the February 1st. The Huskies had other plans and delivered a thrashing to the lowly Sting. When the final buzzer sounded, the guys from George Brown had reached triple digits, winning 100-72. The Huskies continued their unbeaten streak to 3 games after beating Centennial: 82-69.

Andrew Richards and Dion Horsford are ripping it up in individual statistics, both making the OCAA Top Ten Scoring List for the Central Division. With a points-per-game average of 17.1, Drew leads the Central Division. Dion's solid 14.8 PPG has earned him 6th spot on the Point Leader List. The team looks to continue their winning ways right into the OCAA Championships coming up in March.

Upcoming game:

Feb.19: Algonquin @ GBC; 2 p.m.

Women's Basketball Team Prepares for Upcoming OCAA Championships

The lady Huskies faced 'the girls from the mountain' (Mohawk) on January 21st. The Huskies beat up on those mountain women winning 59-52. The next day Niagara College hosted the All-Star Game. Representing George Brown were Elaine Tizcon and Stephanie Brembridge. Both Elaine and Stephanie played for Team Beggs, the winning team. The ladies represented us well with Stephanie scoring 18 points and Elaine 4. Stephanie is also ranked 2nd on the Points Leader List, with a staggering PPG of 19.5.

As of late, the Lady Huskies have been struggling. On January 26th, Humber College paid a visit to George Brown. The girls had problems with a condition known as 'Fumbliitis'. At times in the game, the girls even forgot which basket was theirs and which was Humber's. The final score was 76-51 with Humber coming out on top.

On February 1st the result was much the same. Even though the team played better overall in this game, too many turnovers ultimately resulted in the Lady Huskies dropping another game. With upcoming games against Fanshawe, Georgian and Redeemer the Lady Huskies hope to 'redeem' themselves. With only very few team members coming out to practice, improvement becomes very difficult. Good luck ladies in your upcoming games as you prepare for the OCAA Championships in March.

Upcoming Games:

Feb. 18; Redeemer @ GBC; 6 p.m.

Feb. 22; GBC @ Niagara; 6 p.m.

Season Wraps Up for Men's Volleyball Team

On January 27th George Brown's Men's Volleyball Team travelled to Oshawa to play the undefeated Knights from Durham. Unfortunately as hard as the guys worked, it was not enough to defeat the strong Durham side. In the next match, George Brown hosted the guys from Algonquin. This once again proved to be a tough challenge for the men, with the result being much the same as the match against Durham. Groundhog Day and it looks like it is going to be an early end to the season for the men, with another loss to Sir Sanford Fleming(P).

On February 4th the men played Canadore in their last game of the 1999/2000 season. The Huskies came out strong taking an early lead in the first game. Canadore battled back but the Huskies were just too strong early on taking the first game 26-24. In the second

"A" flight championship in the Men's Doubles. Victor Peng also competed in the Men's Singles 'A' final, which he proceeded to win convincingly, bringing home the championship. In the "C" flight our other Men's doubles team of Philip Leung and Alfred Lam played in the final, but fell a little short of bringing home the championship. The team of Isabelle Zhang and Hung Chiu Lee, in the women's doubles also competed hard but unfortunately fell short of winning.

This tournament was a good measuring stick of how the team will do in the championship that will be hosted by Centennial College February 11th and 12th. The Athletic Department and George Brown College wish the badminton team the best in the upcoming Regional and O.C.A.A championships.

Good Showing for Women's Indoor Soccer Team at St. Lawrence College Tournament

On January 29th, George Brown's Women's Indoor Soccer Team traveled to Kingston to play in the St. Lawrence



game, the guys looked good early, taking an early lead. Unfortunately, a couple big plays from the Canadore side took the wind out of the Huskies sails. The Huskies battled back only to lose the game by two points. In the third game looked to regain the dominance that they showed in the first game. Canadore rallied well winning the third game by 8. It was all or nothing for the Huskies in the fourth game. The Huskies Played admirably only to lose 28-25. The men's season is over for this year with the team failing to reach the OCAA Championships. We would like to thank all the members of the team for their hard work and exciting play. We wish good luck to all the players and we are looking forward to seeing the team back for the 2000/2001 season.

Badminton Team Serves Up Some Wins

From January 21-23, our badminton team competed in the Cambrian College Open. This was another successful tournament for our team, with many impressive individual results. The men's team of Victor Peng and Peter Do won the

College (K) Women's 2nd Annual Invitational Indoor Soccer Tournament. In their first game, the women faced Canestoga and defeated them handily, winning 3-1. The second game was much the same, with the ladies from George Brown dominating and winning 3-0 over St. Lawrence (B). The third game for the Huskies proved to be a bit more of a challenge than the previous two. The girls from St. Lawrence were just too strong in this match defeating our girls 4-0.

Winning two of their three Round Robin games, the women advanced to the championship game. Much to their chagrin, they had to face the hometown girls from St. Lawrence. Although the women battled hard, the result was a case of de-javu of their previous meeting once again losing 4-0. The girls played well and represented George Brown admirably. This tournament proved that the Women's Indoor Soccer Team looks to be very competitive this year. The women look to carry this success into their next tournament that they will be hosting here at George Brown on February 12th. Good luck, ladies, in your upcoming tournaments.

Men's Indoor Soccer Team Looking Good for 7th Annual George Brown Indoor Soccer Tournament

The Men's Indoor Soccer Team travelled to Kitchener to play in a tournament at Canestoga College. The tournament played host to 6 teams. All of the 6 teams played each other in Round Robin play, with the top two teams advancing to the finals. The Huskies met Seneca in their first game of the tournament. This game proved to be a defensive battle with neither team scoring. In the men's next game, they hoped to ignite their potentially potent offense. But, in another close game against the home town boys from Canestoga, they lost (1-0). With the hopes of a much-needed win, the Huskies faced Niagara College. In this tight game, the men ended up on top, winning 3-2. The men remained undefeated for the rest of the Round Robin, beating Canadore and the Canestoga Alumni Team.

After the Round Robin, the Huskies ranked 2nd overall and advanced to the finals. In the finals the men met the boys from Canestoga. The men did not fair as well in this test, losing 4-0 to the hometown team.

The Top Scorer for George Brown in this tournament was Jason Scott, scoring an impressive four goals. Other notable players in this tournament were John Bella and David Medina. Like the women, the men look to continue this success into their next tournament that they will be hosting at George Brown on February 12th. Good luck guys!

3-on-3 Basketball and Indoor Soccer

Intramural sports are switching gears. On the February 14th intramural 3-on-3 Basketball and Indoor Soccer started up. Come out and have some fun! To register your team or to register as an individual, come to the Athletics Office on the 6th Floor at St. James. Or you can contact Rod or Albert at: 415-2176.

Dominos Tournament

On January 20th the dominoes tournament was held in the Casa Loma gym. Eight students played an elimination round, with the top 2 players from each pool playing in the finals. All matches were played to 6 games. In the final round the games were getting tense as the tournament was approaching the end. Dominoes is not your everyday high flying 'go get em' type of sport. Strategies and thinking is used to counter the opponents every move, by placing or smashing the dominoes onto the game board or table. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all the players that participated. 1st place winner, Negus Harrison; 2nd place, Kat Del Rosario; 3rd place Ferhad Mohamed.



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